

**NATIONAL HONOR  
GREAT BUSINESS  
ASSET TO NATION**

New York Chamber of Commerce for Tolls Repeal.

SUPPORT IS GIVEN BY BIG MAJORITY

Representatives of Organization Appear at Hearing Before Senate Committee—Richard Olney, Former Attorney-General, Approves President's Course.

Washington, April 17.—Support for the proposed repeal of the Panama tolls exemption was given to-day by the Senate Committee by representatives of the New York Chamber of Commerce, who said their organization had approved repeal by an overwhelming majority. Their testimony caused a word conflict between Senator Brister, opposing repeal, and Edward E. Page, a member of the chamber, as well as of the New York Merchants' Association. After Mr. Page had advocated repeal to avoid breaking a contract, Senator Brister asked whether repeal supporters could not be called traitors to America, as well as the opponents could be called violators of contracts.

"Those are catchwords used by demagogues," replied the witness, "but I do not intend to use any personalities. I do not believe repeal opponents have a right to question the loyalty of those on the other side."

Senator Brister wanted to know whether the New York Chamber of Commerce had not been chartered originally by the American Revolution. Mr. Page replied that was true, but that it now had a charter from the state of New York.

**Business Assets.**  
Mr. Page declared national honor and character were business assets to a nation and that American industries, in future, would largely be dependent on exports. Business men could do little if the nation did not keep its contracts, he added.

Eugene H. Overbridge, an importer and exporter, said opinion of business men with whom he had dealt was against exemption of American vessels from tolls.

John R. Ring, a member of the executive board of the chamber, favored repeal on the ground that the exemption was a subsidy and violated treaty obligations.

**BRYAN TO QUIT CABINET?**

Report That He Is to Become Head of Carnegie Peace Foundation.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Washington, April 17.—The rumor ran through the Capitol to-day that Secretary of State Bryan is to resign within a month, and that Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane is to become premier of the Wilson administration.

Mr. Bryan, it was said, is to become director-general of the Carnegie Peace Foundation, at a salary of \$33,000 a year, and a retirement pension of \$10,000 a year. Mr. Bryan had last week arranged for Mr. Bryan's acceptance of the office, it is said, as well as to the resignation of Mr. Bryan from the State Department.

Senator Root declined the offer of Mr. Carnegie to lead in the international peace work, desired by Mr. Carnegie, but will continue as a director and official of the managers of the fund. Mr. Root will get this year the Nobel peace prize for meritorious work in behalf of the Carnegie movement for international arbitration of all differences.

**NO ALARM OVER REPORT**

British Columbians Will Force Hindus to Leave Country.  
Vancouver, B. C., April 17.—British Columbians refused to take alarm over the report that a shipload of 400 Hindus left Shanghai on April 14 for Vancouver to test the attitude of Canadian authorities under the recent court decision that Canada is not justified in excluding natives of India.

If the statement is correct, said Malcolm R. Reid, head of the Dominion Immigration Department for British Columbia, it simply means that when this shipload of Hindus arrive here they will have to return, as under the law of Canada, or be killed, as they are, are not allowed to enter British Columbia.

**TO ENLARGE ASSOCIATION**

Reorganization Plans Will Include All States Throughout South.  
Atlanta, Ga., April 17.—Resolutions to pay, for enlargement of the Tri-State Water and Light Association of the Carolinas and Georgia, so as to include all States throughout the South, were adopted at the closing session of the organization's fourth annual convention here to-day. The plan of reorganization plans were left to the executive committee.

The following officers were elected: President, F. C. Wyse, Columbia, S. C.; Vice-president, J. W. Neave, Salisbury, N. C.; Secretary, H. H. Hill, West Point, Ga.; Third Vice-president, R. E. Blake, Spartan, Ga.; Treasurer, J. C. Barnwell, Rock Hill, S. C.

**BASIN IN FRAGMENTS**

Precious Stone Supposed to Be Holy.  
[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Rome, April 17.—The Holy Basin, known in the Catholic Church as the "Basilica," and supposed to be the veritable Holy Grail, was accidentally broken into fragments and is in the hands of a dealer in the city of Genoa.

The basin was brought to Genoa in the year 1191 among the spoils of war from the city of Jerusalem. It had been in the hands of the most important relic in the world. It was obtained in shape and was cut from an unknown precious stone, somewhat akin to the emerald.

**DERELICT FOUND BOTTOM UP**

Schooner Battered Located by Coast Guard.  
Washington, April 17.—The derelict schooner S. G. Haskell, for which the revenue cutter had been searching several weeks, has been found bottom up in the miles southwest of Bermuda.

The schooner, which was carrying a cargo of coal, was found in a position that indicated it had been wrecked some time ago. The wreck was found by the cutter Haskell, which was on a patrol in the area.

**ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF MAYOR MITCHELL FAILS; POLK HURT**

Corporation Counsel Gets Bullet Intended for Executive.

**FIRES AT PARTY IN AUTOMOBILE**

Elderly Man, Apparently Irresponsible, Overcome by Detective Before He Can Shoot  
Second Time—Jostling Crowd Cries "Lynch Him."

New York, April 17.—In an attempt to take the life of Mayor John Purroy Mitchell to-day, Michael P. Mahoney, an apparently irresponsible, elderly man, who later said he was a blacksmith out of work, fired into a group of three men seated in the Mayor's automobile at the east side of City Hall Park. The bullet entered the jaw of Frank L. Polk, corporation counsel, who was sitting next to the Mayor.

With blood spurting from his mouth, Mr. Polk was taken into the City Hall and afterward to a hospital, where, it was said, the wound would not prove fatal.

Mahoney shot at the Mayor he declared to-night, because he felt aggrieved at the city executives' "extravagant expenditures" and because he was incensed at being refused an audience with the Mayor on two occasions this week, when he came to apply for a municipal job.

Mahoney fired only one shot. Before he could fire a second he was seized by Detective George Neun, who, in the capacity of chauffeur, was adjusting robes about the men in the automobile. The Mayor sat in the middle of the back seat, with Mr. Polk on his right and George V. Mullin, the Mayor's former law partner, on his left. Standing within a few feet of Mahoney was Police Commissioner Arthur H. Woods, who was watching the crowd.

Police Reserves Called Out.  
To bystanders, the sound of the revolver shot, and the sight of the aged man who did the shooting, sprang upon the pavement as he was borne down by Detective Neun, seemed almost simultaneous. The sight of Mayor Mitchell, standing the staggering figure of the police officer, drew the crowd.

Within thirty seconds, the City Hall plaza and Park Row were flooded with police reserves, and police reserves were called out.

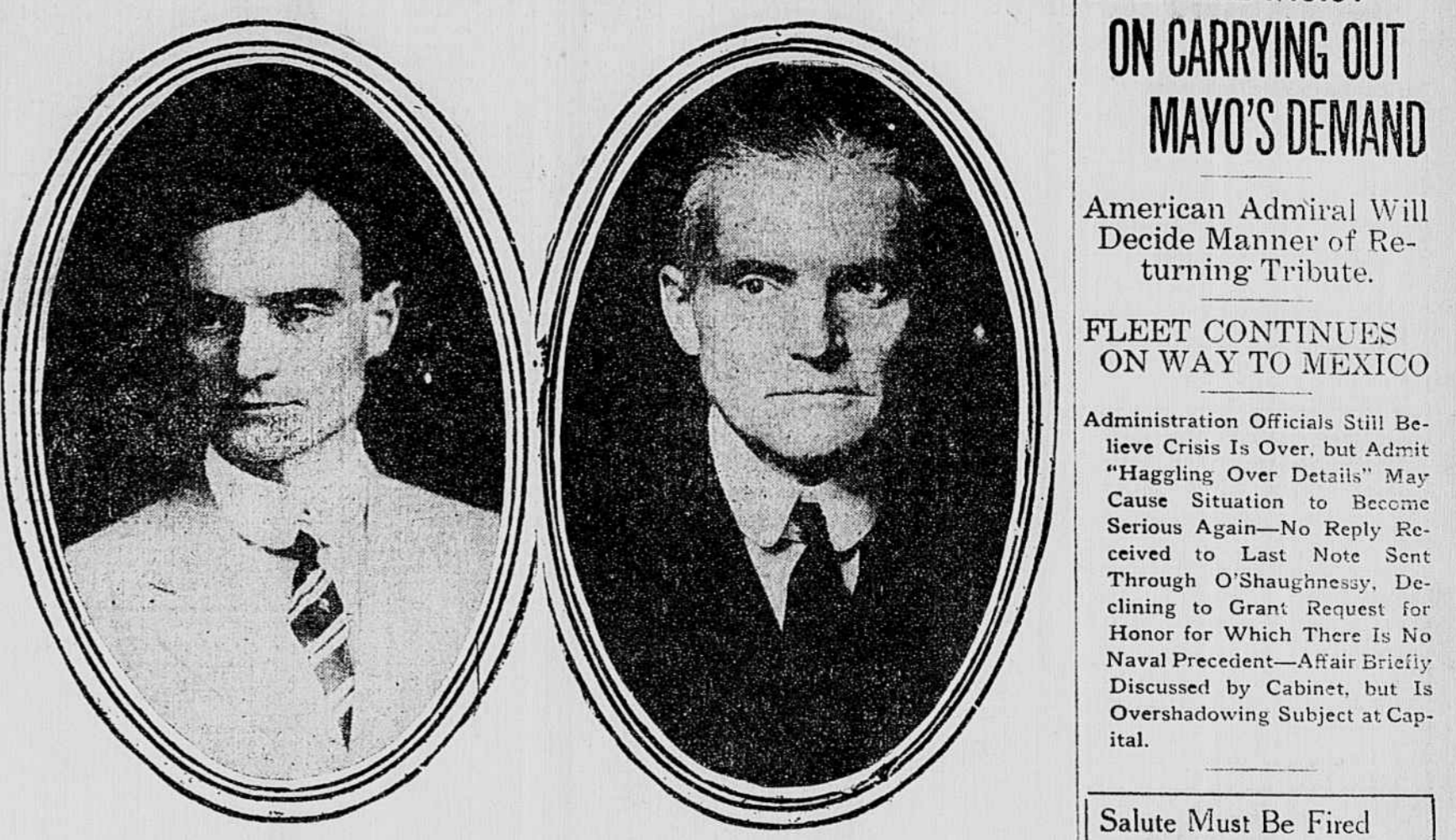
As soon as he had seen that Mr. Polk received medical attention, Mayor Mitchell went to the police station and questioned Mahoney.

"Why did you shoot at me?" he asked. "I don't know," replied Mahoney, "but I was angry at the city executives." "Covering before his question," he had done. He wore a ragged fringe beard, and was clad in an ill-fitting suit.

While the police were trying to learn the man's name, which he persistently refused to give, a jostling crowd nipped the plaza.

**WILSON FLATLY REJECTS SUGGESTION BY HUERTA FOR "SIMULTANEOUS SALUTE"**

**POLK GETS BULLET INTENDED FOR MITCHELL**



MAYOR JOHN PURROY MITCHELL. CORPORATION COUNSEL POLK.

**DEBT CASE TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT**

Argument Concluded by Both Sides Before United States Supreme Court.

**LILLY AND HARRISON CLOSE**

Decision in Favor of Virginia Expected Before End of Present Session.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Washington, April 17.—Argument in the Virginia West Virginia debt case was concluded by counsel for both sides to-day before the United States Supreme Court. In the hearing which followed closely the line of the day to the case. At the conclusion of the argument, shortly before adjournment, the court took the case under advisement.

It is generally believed by able lawyers who have followed the action closely that a decision will be rendered in favor of the old Dominion, ordering the payment by West Virginia of the \$7,000,000 debt, together with interest, before the court adjourns from the present session, which is likely to occur about the first week in June.

At the opening of to-day's session, Attorney-General Lilly made the concluding argument for West Virginia, following closely the line of the day to the case. John H. Holt, associate counsel for West Virginia yesterday.

Taking up the original order of the court, the \$7,000,000 debt should be paid together with such interest as the two states should agree upon between their commissioners. Attorney-General Lilly stated that it is a fundamental rule of universal recognition that interest is not to be awarded against a State unless its consent has been manifested by an act of its Legislature, or by a lawful contract of its executive officers.

Another reason asserted why West Virginia should not pay interest on the debt was that Virginia has had it in her power for more than forty years to institute this suit, and ascertain West Virginia's equitable proportion of her debt, but has neglected to do so, and has caused by her neglect and delay, the time to run upon which she now seems to charge interest.

**DATE FOR WEDDING AT WHITE HOUSE**

Formal Announcement That McAdoo-Wilson Nuptials Are to Take Place on May 7.

**NOT MORE THAN FIFTY GUESTS**

Washington Society Surprised and Chagrined at Simplicity of Arrangements.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Washington, April 17.—The guests at the White House wedding of Miss Eleanor Wilson and Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo on May 7 will not number over fifty, and will be confined to the Vice-President and Mrs. Marshall, the Cabinet and the immediate members of the two families.

The formal announcement of the date and the guests was made to-day at the White House. It read simply: "The President and Mrs. Wilson announce to-day that the wedding of Miss Eleanor Wilson and Mr. William G. McAdoo will take place on Thursday, May 7, at 4 o'clock, in accordance with the wishes of Miss Wilson and Mr. McAdoo, the wedding will be very small. Only the Vice-President and Mrs. Marshall, the Cabinet and the immediate members of the two families are to be present."

The hour for the ceremony is not set, but it is expected to be at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

It is not stated whether or not the ceremony will take place in the East Room, but it is understood that it will. Rev. Sylvester Beach, D. D., of Princeton, N. J., who married Miss Jessie Wilson to Francis Bowes Sayre in November, is expected to perform the ceremony for the fourteenth White House bride.

The question of bridesmaids has not been definitely settled, but if attendants are used, Miss Margaret Wilson will be her sister's maid of honor, and Mrs. Francis Bowes Sayre will be her bridesmaid.

**VOTE TO ABOLISH MILEAGE SYSTEM**

Virginia Members of House Support Provision to Pay Actual Traveling Expenses.

**EXPECTED TO EFFECT SAVING**

Committee Will Visit Richmond to Inspect Site for Post-Office Addition.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Washington, April 17.—All the Virginia members of the House of Representatives, who were present to-day, voted in favor of the provision in the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill to abolish the old system of allowing 20 cents mileage each way to members of Congress, and substituting for it a provision to pay the actual traveling expenses of the members of his family. They also voted against the amendment to the bill to increase the salary of Congressmen's secretaries from \$1,500 to \$1,800 per annum.

Those voting with the committee, which was sustained in both instances, were Hay, Hollins, Jones, Montague, Saunders and Watson. Carlin was not present. Flood was absent, completing plans for his wedding to-morrow.

Class voted to abolish the old mileage system on the first roll call. Later he discovered Flood was out of town, and had been paired with him, so he changed his vote to "present." He also voted "present" on the plan to change secretaries' salaries.

**Agitated for Many Years.**  
The plan to pay Congressmen their actual traveling expenses and abolish the mileage system of giving them 20 cents each way for the distance to Washington, to and from their homes, has been agitated in Congress many years.

Some of the gross inequalities of the old mileage system were that Carlin, of Virginia, received only \$2.50 a session, even when sessions were continued from one to another without other changes. There was no authority on the part of members to go home, while the resident commissioner from the Philippines received \$2,000 a session, and as he did not go home, spent none of it for mileage.

**U. S. WILL INSIST ON CARRYING OUT MAYO'S DEMAND**

American Admiral Will Decide Manner of Returning Tribute.

**FLEET CONTINUES ON WAY TO MEXICO**

Administration Officials Still Believe Crisis Is Over, but Admit "Haggling Over Details" May Cause Situation to Become Serious Again—No Reply Received to Last Note Sent Through O'Shaughnessy, Declining to Grant Request for Honor for Which There Is No Naval Precedent—Affair Briefly Discussed by Cabinet, but Is Overshadowing Subject at Capital.

Washington, D. C., April 17.—The United States has warned General Huerta that no further argument about details for the salute of the American flag will be tolerated. Twenty-one guns must be fired to the Stars and Stripes, in recognition for the arrest of American blue-jackets at Tampico, or serious consequences will follow.

The Atlantic Fleet, in the meantime, continues on its way to Tampico to back up the Washington government's demands.

No time limit has been set for an answer to the final communication sent to-day rejecting the suggestion twice made by General Huerta that guns from the Mexican shore batteries be simultaneously fired with those of the American warships.

Rear Admiral Mayo's original demand calling for a twenty-one gun salute, which he promised to return according to naval precedent, has been turned down by the United States, through Charge O'Shaughnessy, has told Huerta the only satisfactory answer was an unconditional acceptance of the Rear Admiral Mayo's original conditions.

Washington, April 17.—President Wilson to-day flatly rejected General Huerta's suggestion for a "simultaneous salute" to the American and Mexican flags, adding that the United States would insist on a literal compliance with the original demand of Rear-Admiral Mayo, made on April 9 in a written communication to General Huerta.

The Washington government informed Huerta that his wish for simultaneous firing of the American and Mexican flags was inadmissible, and that a salute of twenty-one guns as demanded by Rear-Admiral Mayo would be insisted on, in the manner of returning the salute to be left to the United States.

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"I do not need to tell you that taking men from a boat flying the United States flag is a hostile act, not to be excused," he already has received your verbal message of regret that this event has happened, and your statement that it was committed by an ignorant officer. "The responsibility for a hostile act cannot be avoided by the plea of ignorance."